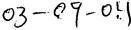
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| For: CODING SYMBOLOGY AND METHOD FOR PRINTING SAME | A ) |                      |
| METHOD FOR PRINTING SAME                           | )   | Examiner: K. Koyama  |
| Application No.: 10/075,153                        | )   | Group Art Unit: 2876 |
| Application Filed: February 14, 2002               | )   |                      |

### **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response is set to expire on March 9, 2004. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. Accordingly, the fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

|                    |   |   |                  | Small Entity |         | Other Than<br>Small Entity |         |                   |
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| Total              | 62  | - 32  | = 30             |              | x \$ 9  | \$*                        | x \$ 18 | \$ 540            |
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Check No. 20069 in the amount of \$540 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit

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By

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 8, 2004

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#### **CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

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Date of Deposit: March 8, 2004

I hereby certify that this Reply to the Office Action of December 9, 2003, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service, postage prepaid, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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## **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 9, 2003**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2003 ("December Action"), which set a shortened statutory period of time of three months for a reply. Because this Reply is submitted within that time limit, no extension fee is due. Due to the addition of several claims, however, certain fees are due and check no. 20069 in the amount of \$540.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed for that purpose.

Please consider the below Amendments and Remarks, which are in the format codified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

**Introductory Comments** begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this Reply.

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS** 

A. <u>Correction of Correspondence Address</u>

Applicants requested in their Reply to the Office Action of April 3, 2003 (the Office

Action hereinafter the "April Action"), that the correspondence address be changed to the

individual and address listed below. Because the present action did not reflect the requested

change, Applicants respectfully repeat their request that all future correspondence and telephone

calls be directed to:

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Assistant General Counsel, Law Department

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B. Acceptance of Corrected Drawing and Entry of Amendments in Immediate Prior Reply

In their Reply to the April Action, Applicants respectfully requested acceptance of a

corrected Figure 1, as well as entry of certain amendments to the specification (see Reply to the

April Action at pp. 3-4). Because the present action does not state whether such acceptance or

entry was performed, a timely notice of same is earnestly solicited.

C. Interview of January 28, 2004

Applicants received the Examiner's Interview Summary for the above-identified

interview. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133 and MPEP § 713.04, Applicants submitted

their own summary of the interview, which was received by the United States Patent &

Application Serial No. 10/075,153 Ref. No. FLM 5712/1417Y P701 Trademark Office on February 2, 2004, as evidenced by the return postcard. Applicants thank the Examiner for her time and incorporate their summary herein by reference.